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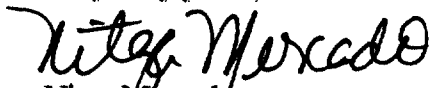
Re: Amendment of Section 73.202 (b)
Table of Assignments FM Broadcast Stations
Frederiksted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Island

Dear Mrs. Salas:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Nitza Mercado d/b/a Island Prime Media is an original and 4 (four) copies of a Petition for Rulemaking for allotment of Channel 293B to Frederiksted as it first service.

If there are any question concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



Nitza Mercado
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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the matter of)	
)	MM Docket No.
Amendment of Section 73.202(b))	RM- _____
Table of allotments)	
FM Broadcast Stations,)	
(Frederiksted, St. Croix,)	
U.S., Virgin Island))	

To: Mr. John A. Karousos, Chief
Policy and Rules Division
Mass Media Bureau

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PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Island Prime Media , pursuant to 47 C.F.R. ss1.401 and 1.420, files its "Petition for Rulemaking" to amend 47 C.F.R. s73.202(b) to allot Channel 293B, 106.5 Mhz., Frederiksted, St. Croix, U.S., Virgin Island.

1. The proposed allotment will provide a fourth Aural transmission service for Frederiksted. Frederiksted is a subdistrict as defined by the 1990 U.S. Census has a population of 4,066. See Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures, 90 FCC 2d 88 (1982). The proposed allotment of Channel 293B to Frederiksted will advance the objectives of Section on 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the FCC's FM allotment policies.

1. Attached -is St. Croix - 1990 U.S. Census of Population, Frederiksted subdistrict and Frederiksted Town.

and the FCC's FM allotment policies.

2. As set forth in the attached engineering statement of Island Prime Media the allotment of Channel 293B to Frederiksted will comply with the mileage separation requirements of 47C.F.R. s73.207.

3. Island Prime Media will apply for Channel 293B in Frederiksted it is allotted, and if its applications is granted, Island Prime Media will promptly build and operate the proposed radio station.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Island Prime Media respectfully requests that the FCC issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to allot Channel 293B to Frederiksted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Nitza Mercado
Nitza Mercado d/b/a
Island Prime Media

**VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF THE UNITED STATES**

**Bureau of the Census
Department of Commerce**

*** 1990 Population Totals ***

This table provides final 1990 census population counts for the Virgin Islands of the United States, its three major islands, subdistricts, and towns.	
Governmental Unit	Number of Persons
Virgin Islands	101,809
St. Croix Island	50,139
Anna's Hope Village subdistrict	3,443
Christiansted subdistrict	3,199
East End subdistrict	1,740
Frederiksted subdistrict	4,044
Northcentral subdistrict	3,495
Northwest subdistrict	6,828
Ston Farm subdistrict	11,883
Southcentral subdistrict	7,425
Southwest subdistrict	7,849
St. John Island	1,504
General subdistrict	621
Coral Bay subdistrict	363
Cruz Bay subdistrict	2,469
East End subdistrict	51
St. Thomas Island	48,166
Charlotte Amalie subdistrict	20,589
East End subdistrict	5,927
Northside subdistrict	6,404
Southside subdistrict	6,068
Tutu subdistrict	9,084
Water Island subdistrict	172
West End subdistrict	1,322
Charlotte Amalie town	12,331
Christiansted town	2,555
Frederiksted town	1,064


TECHNICAL EXHIBIT
PETITION FOR RULEMAKING
ISLAND PRIME MEDIA
PETITION TO ALLOT CHANNEL 293B TO
FREDERIKSTED, ST. CROIX, U.S. VIRGIN ISLAND

JULY 1998

By: Technical Consultant for
Island Prime Media

I, José J. Arzuaga, certify that I am a Consulting Radio and T.V. Engineer, that my qualifications are known to the Federal Communications Commission and I prepared this statement.

I further state that the calculations and exhibits contained herein were prepared by me personally or under my direction and that all facts contained therein are true of my knowledge except where stated to be on information or belief, and as those facts, I believe them to be true.



Handwritten signature of José J. Arzuaga, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' and 'A' with a horizontal line underneath.

José J. Arzuaga

Date:

TECHNICAL STATEMENT

1. This Technical Statement and attached exhibits were prepared on behalf of Island Prime Media) "IPM", a petitioner requesting the Allotment of Channel 293B to Frederiksted, St. Croix, U.S., Virgin Island as the community's fourth aural service.

PROPOSAL

2. Frederiksted, is located on the island of St. Croix, it is located on the West of the island with a population of 1,064 persons according to the 1990 U.S. Census. The allotment of Channel 293B to Frederiksted will provide this community with its fourth locally licensed facility.

3. Channel 293B can be allotted to Frederiksted, St. Croix, at reference coordinates North Latitude 17° 44' 51" and West Longitude 64° 50' 11". At the proposed allocation reference site, it complies with the Commission's minimum distance separation signal requirement. From the reference site, a 3.16mV/m contour will be delivered over all of Frederiksted.

4. Therefore, "SPM" requests the following amendment to s73.202(b) of the Commission's rules:

Present	Proposed
269B1, 253A	269B1, 253A
278A	278A, 293B

5. The foregoing Technical Statement and attached exhibits were prepared on behalf of Signal Prime Media by José J. Arzuaga, its Technical Consultants. All information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of our belief and knowledge.

EXHIBIT

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POPULATION STUDY FREDERIKSTED

**Population of Frederiksted, St. Croix, U.S., Virgin Island
1,064**

***Source U.S. Census 1990 Statistical Data**

Constraints Study FM Channel 293B

Title: Island Prime Media
Reference City: Frederiksted, V.I.
Translators Are Included

Latitude: 17-44-51
Longitude: 64-50-11

Call City of Licensee	Auth	Licensee Name St. FCC File No.	Chan Freq	ERP-kw EAH-m	Latitud Longitude	AZ-to - from	Dist. (km)	Req. (km)
Vieques Docket: 91-259		PR	106.1		65-18-05	142.6	6.90	CLEAR
WVIS Vieques	C.P.	V.I. Stereo Communic PR BPH-970116IF	291B 106.1	50. 229	18-19-37 65-18-21	322.5 142.3	81.14 7.14	74 CLEAR
WNIKFM Arecibo	LIC	Kelly Broadcasting Sy PR BLH-2953	293B1 106.5	19.5 -82	18-28-28 66-43-40	292.3 111.7	215.75 4.75	211 CLOSE
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WMEG Guayama		Guayama Broadcasting, Inc.	295B 106.9		18-06-48 66-03-07		135.00 61.00	74 CLEAR

* IF 95.7 CLEAR
95.9 CLEAR

NOTE: TABULATION OF SPACING ASSUMING CHANNEL CHANGE OF WVIS
CHRISTIANSTED, SAINT CROIX 106.1B TO VIEQUES ON 106.1B AND
CULEBRA 293A TO 254A CHANGE BY F.C.C. BY REPORT AND ORDER IN A
PREVIOUS RULEMAKING. DOCKET: 91-259